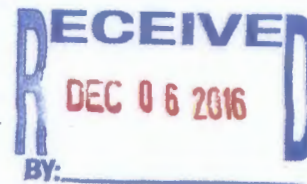


Freedom of Information Act Request



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To whom it may concern;

On behalf of *Reuters* news agency, I request the following records under the Freedom of Information Act:

- Any and all written or electronic communications between the Environmental Protection Agency staff and Graduate-Level Civil and Environmental Engineering Programs and involved labs related to potential changes in research and development funding under President-Elect Donald Trump from November 8, 2016 to present. CEE programs include but are not limited to those at University of California Berkeley, University of Illinois -- Urbana-Champaign, University of Texas at Austin, Georgia Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, Stanford University, and Yale University.

We prefer to receive the records in an electronic format such as a PDF or Word document.

The law allows you to waive or reduce fees when information is sought in the public interest, as is the case for this request. Releasing this information will help the public understand how research and development for environmental issues may change under a new administration. *Reuters* news agency will not use this information for any commercial purpose. Please inform us if you estimate that fees will exceed \$25.

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